

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM REPORT FOR MEETING OF: January 21, 2025

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To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: John Jay, Associate Planner
Subject: Public Arts Committee Appointment

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Council consider appointment of the applicant based on the one interview conducted earlier in the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council has interviewed the only applicant for the sole vacancy on the Public Arts Committee. Gavin Waters has applied for Categories 2 and 3 which are designated for those with experience in the public art field and a member of the public, respectively. Category 2 is the vacant category which should be considered for appointment

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The Public Arts Committee meets the second Tuesday of every other month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:50 p. m. at the Sebastopol Youth Annex on 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA. Terms of office are four-year staggered terms, and the opening term will last until December 31st, 2028.

Preference will be shown to City residents and persons who own a business or work in the City; however, qualified candidates from the greater Sebastopol and Sonoma County area will be considered. The City Council will consider the following categories:

1. Active members of a City-based, art focused, registered nonprofit organization, entity or facility.
2. Persons with experience in the public art field as either an artist, installer or designer.
3. Members of the general public.
4. A member of the Design Review Board.

The current Public Arts Committee is as follows: (vacancies are highlighted)

MEMBERS	TERM ENDING DATE	CATEGORY
Robert Brent	12/31/2025	Category 2
Jeff Stucker	12/31/2025	Category 3
Barbara Harris	12/31/2025	Category 1
Vacant	12/31/2028	Category 2
Lars Langberg (DRB)	Upon expiration of DRB term	Category 4

The City Council received one application from the following individual for one opening on the Public Arts Committee.

Name of Applicant	Categories
Gavin Waters	2

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Staff recommends that Council appoint the applicant to the Public Arts Committee dependent on the interview that occurred previously on the agenda and fill the vacancy.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

This item has been noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to schedule meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the recommended action tonight.

RESTATED RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council consider appointment of the applicant based on the one interview conducted earlier in the agenda. The opening term will last until December 31st, 2028.

OPTIONS:

1. Determine not to make an appointment from the interview conducted earlier in the agenda and direct staff to reopen the application period for the one opening on the Public Arts Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

APPROVALS:

Department Head Approval: Approval Date: 12/9/24

CEQA Determination (Planning): Approval Date: 12/9/24

The proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Administrative Services (Financial) Approval Date: 1/2/2025

Costs authorized in City Approved Budget: Yes No N/A

Account Code (f applicable) _____

City Attorney Approval: Approval Date: 1/6/25

City Manager Approval: Approval Date: 1/7/25